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FOLLOWING REPEAT NICOSIA 0462 ACTION SECSTATE, KUWAIT INFO CAIRO, DAMASCUS, TEL AVIV, AMMAN, ATHENS, ANKARA, JIDDA, ADDIS ABABA, MOGADISCIO AND BEIRUT FEB 18.

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L NICOSIA 0462

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PPUS, PORS, CY
SUBJECT: ATTACK BY PALESTINIAN TERRORIST IN NICOSIA

REF NICOSIA 0461

1. SEVENTEEN (17) PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT. THEY INCLUDE THE 2 TERRORISTS, 4 CREW MEMBERS AND 11 HOSTAGES. MININT VENIAMIN, EDEK LEADER LYSSARIDES AND SYRIAC MILATT HADDAD WERE RELEASED AND NOT REPEAT NOT AMONG HOSTAGES. TERRORISTS ALSO RELEASED TWO UNIDENTIFIED MALES.

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2. MIDDLE EAST NEWS AGENCY HAS LEARNED THAT HOSTAGES INCLUDE: OTHMAN BENAN (MOROCCAN DELEGATE TO AAPSO CONFERENCE); SAYYID MUGHRABI (SUDANESE DELEGATE); ABU MAYZAR (OFFICIAL PLO SPOKESMAN); ABD RAZZAQ YAHYA (PLO OFFICIAL); GEORGE BATAL (MEMBER OF LEBANESE COMMUNIST PARTY); DR. MUSTAFA MURAD (OF SYRIA); MUSTAFA AMIN (OF SYRIA); AND A MR. COLOMBO (HEAD OF SOMALIAN DELEGATION TO CONFERENCE).

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3. CYPRUS AIRWAYS AIRCRAFT (720B) WITH TERRORISTS AND HOSTAGES DEPARTED LARNACA AIRPORT AT 2030 HOURS LOCAL. ACCORDING TO CYPRUS AIRWAYS GENERAL MANAGER, PILOTS FILED FLIGHT PLAN FOR KUWAIT. HE NOT AWARE OF ANY ACCEPTANCE OF AIRCRAFT BY KUWAIT GOVERNMENT. PLANE HAS SEVEN HOURS FLIGHT CAPABILITY. KUWIAT IS APPROX TWO AND ONE HALF FLIGHT FOURS DISTANT FROM CYPRUS.
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